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Designating April 6, 2007, as “National Missing Persons Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating April 6, 2007, as “National Missing Persons Day”.

Whereas each year tens of thousands of people go missing in the United States;

Whereas, on any given day, there are as many as 100,000 active missing persons cases in the United States;

Whereas the Missing Persons File of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) was implemented in 1975;

Whereas, in 2005, 109,531 persons were reported missing to law enforcement agencies nationwide, of whom 11,868 were between the ages of 18 and 20;

Whereas section 204 of the PROTECT Act, known as Suzanne’s Law and passed by Congress on April 10, 2003, modifies section 3701(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 5779(a)), so that agencies must enter

records into the NCIC database for all missing persons under the age of 21;

Whereas Kristen’s Act (42 U.S.C. 14665), passed in 1999, has established grants for organizations to, among other things, track missing persons and provide informational services to families and the public;

Whereas, according to the NCIC, 48,639 missing persons were located in 2005, an improvement of 4.2 percent from the previous year;

Whereas many persons reported missing may be victims of Alzheimer’s disease or other health-related issues, or may be victims of foul play;

Whereas, regardless of age or circumstances, all missing persons have families who need support and guidance to endure the days, months, or years they may spend searching for their missing loved ones; and

Whereas it is important to applaud the committed efforts of families, law enforcement agencies, and concerned citizens who work to locate missing persons and to prevent all forms of victimization: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 6, 2007, as “National
3 Missing Persons Day”; and

4 (2) encourages the people of the United States
5 to—

6 (A) observe the day with appropriate pro-
7 grams and activities; and

- 1 (B) support worthy initiatives and in-
- 2 creased efforts to locate missing persons.

